



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 29, 2003

S. 1425

A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on July 30, 2003*

SUMMARY

S. 1425 would reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection program for fiscal year 2004 and would authorize the appropriation of \$15 million for the program in that year. Under current law, the program will expire at the end of fiscal year 2003. Under the bill, the Environmental Protection Agency EPA would provide the state of New York with grants to assist in protecting New York City's water sources.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1425 would cost a total of \$15 million over the 2004-2008 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amount in 2004. Enacting S. 1425 would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 1425 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted in the fall of 2003. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$15 million over the 2004-2008 period, assuming appropriation of the amount authorized for 2004. Those estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for the New York City Watershed Protection Program. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1425 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

		By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Spending Under Current Law for							
New York City Watershed Protection							
Budget Authority		5	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays		2	3	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes							
Authorization Level		0	15	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays		0	8	5	2	0	0
Spending Under S. 1425 for							
New York City Watershed Protection							
Authorization Level		5	15	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays		2	11	5	2	0	0

a. The 2004 level is the amount appropriated that year for the New York City Watershed Protection Program.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1425 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The state of New York would benefit from federal assistance in protecting and enhancing the water supply system of New York City. Any costs to the state, including matching funds, would be conditions of aid.

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